

# Missions



# Partners



2024/2025

# Abe Brown Ministries, Inc.

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## Mission Description:

- **Breaking vicious and generational cycles of incarceration.**

The mission of Abe Brown Ministries, Incorporated is to break cycles of incarceration by helping to renew the minds of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated citizens, motivating them to change their behaviors and achieve purposeful lives. We do this as a compassionate demonstration of the love of Jesus Christ. As a faith-based organization, we passionately deliver on improving quality of life for all by offering supportive services to citizens affected by the justice system in acquiring life management skills that prepare them to be valuable employees. Since 1976, Abe Brown Ministries has had a rich history of service and commitment to innovation that transforms lives and strengthens communities.

## What you can do:

- Continue financial donations, volunteer
- Donate household items such as laundry detergent, dishtowels, toilet paper, toilet cleaner, furniture polish, twin-sized bed coverings, and pillow cases.
- Donate men's and women's business/work attire.
- Engage in our mentoring and life coach programs for women and men in the inspHire Comprehensive Reentry Program.

## Prayer Need:

- Continue to humbly and gratefully serve the Tampa Bay Community.
- Continue to have favor with God and with man.
- Connect us with employers who are interested in vetted, drug-free clients in the inspHire Comprehensive Reentry Program.
- Continued favor with Florida Legislators and the Florida Department of Corrections to recognize the importance of this public safety program and favor for deliberate and intentional funding support.
- Continued financial donations

# Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary

Tallinn, Estonia

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## Mission Description:

- **Europe's largest United Methodist seminary.**

The largest United Methodist seminary in Europe, the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary currently serves students from five countries who study in four languages: Estonian, Russian and English, as well as deaf students who study in sign language. Established in 1994, over 280 students have graduated and are working as pastors, youth workers, and prison and military chaplains.

## What you can do:

- Pray for the students and faculty.
- Support the student scholarship fund.
- Support the development of library resource center focused on mission and intercultural studies.

## Prayer Need:

- Please pray for wisdom to provide for the safe learning environment and continued access to learning on site and/or online for all our students, including our international students.
- Please pray for the Ukrainian refugees in our community.
- Pray for the prospective students discerning their call to ministry.
- Praise God for all supporters (individuals and churches) and pray for their safety during the times of economic uncertainty.
- Praise God for seminary alumni working as pastors, chaplains and lay leaders in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Finland, and other countries.
- In all things we give thanks to God.

# Bike Ministry

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Tampa, FL 33606  
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**Sign Up To Serve With The Bike Ministry**  
[hydeparkumc.org/serve](http://hydeparkumc.org/serve)

### Mission Description:

- **Bike repair for homeless.**

The Bike Ministry at Hyde Park United Methodist serves to support the transportation needs of those in our community. We repair and provide basic bicycle maintenance to the many Open Arms guests every Sunday morning, 7:30– 9:30 a.m., out of the Open Arms building on the Hyde Park campus.

Over the course of the last few years we have:

- Serviced on average of 10 bicycles per week.
- Donated bicycles to a number of folks in need.
- Obtained and recycled many bicycles and parts.
- Networked with other bike ministries in the Tampa area.
- Trained several people in basic repair skills.

### What you can do:

- Join our rotation of bike mechanics.
- Learn how to fix bikes.
- Help organize parts.
- Help collect donated bikes and parts.
- Submit candidates who are in legitimate need of a bike.
- Help distribute bikes to recipients.
- Donate tools and parts.

### Prayer Need:

- Pray for the safety of those on the road.
- Pray that we fulfill Christ's will in all we do and those we serve as the ministry continues to grow.

## Cold Weather Shelter

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### Mission Description:

- **Emergency cold weather shelter.**

In partnership with Hillsborough County, Hyde Park United Methodist serves as a Cold Weather Shelter on nights when the temperature, including wind chill, is forecast to drop below 40°. Hillsborough County's Department of Homeless Services is the agency responsible for determining when shelters are opened. When asked to open, Hyde Park's Harnish Center opens at 6 p.m. and accepts guests until the maximum number is reached. Guests depart the following morning by 6:30 a.m.

Volunteers serve together in shifts throughout the night. Sign up to volunteer for set up, serve dinner, check-in guests or serve a two-hour overnight shift.

### What you can do:

- Serve as a Cold Weather Shelter volunteer.
- To sign up to be notified by email when the Cold Weather Shelter is activated, go to [hydeparkumc.org/cold-weather](http://hydeparkumc.org/cold-weather).

### Prayer Need:

- All of those seeking shelter on cold nights.
- Health and safety of our guests.

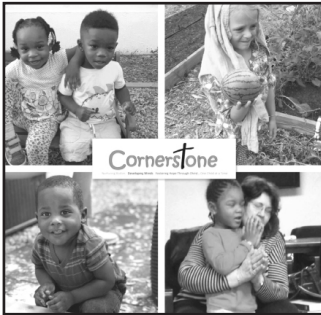
# Cornerstone Family Ministries

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## Mission Description:

- **Childhood Development and Literacy, Childhood Hunger, and Sustainable Food Sources through Community Gardening.**

The mission of Cornerstone Family Ministries is to make a lasting and positive impact on the lives of economically disadvantaged children in our community by nurturing bodies through programs that connect them to nutritious food, developing minds through programs that connect young children to quality early childhood education, developmental assessments, and by fostering hope through Christ by connecting them to the local church.

## What you can do:

- Hug, rock and read; volunteer for administrative and maintenance activities; serve on Board committees.
- Donate items like wipes, diapers, developmentally appropriate learning toys, craft supplies, and specific items and supplies for cleaning and food serving.
- Participate in or Sponsor our Child's Chance for Change Top Golf Tournament or Wonder Walk event.
- Collect gently used books and/or host a book packing.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for a successful Child's Chance for Change Top Golf Tournament and our Wonder Walk event at Hyde Park.
- Pray for our children, families, center owners, volunteers and staff.
- Pray for over 15,000 children and families within the five counties we serve.

# Disaster Relief and Recovery

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## **Mission Description:**

- **Organized response to those impacted by natural disasters.**

The mission of Disaster Recovery Ministry is to resource and equip individuals, churches, and district offices to prepare, respond, and recover from disaster through training, communication, and resource support. We are a ministry of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church and work closely with the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We also work with FEMA and emergency management (state and local) as well as other faith-based and voluntary organizations that respond to disasters.

## **What you can do:**

- Attend an Early Response Team training.
- Create a Disaster Plan for your family.
- Offer to assist the church in creating their Church Disaster Response Plan.
- Offer to check-in on church members before and after a disaster.
- Sign up to receive regular Florida Conference Disaster Recovery updates by emailing Trish Warren at [pwarren@flumc.org](mailto:pwarren@flumc.org).

## **Prayer Need:**

- Strength and safety for all those still recovering from disaster around the United States and the world.
- Protection of our volunteers and guidance of our staff when responding to a disaster.
- Volunteers who are trained and prepared to help those impacted by disaster.

# Dunbar Elementary Medical Magnet School

1730 W. Union St.  
Tampa, FL 33607

[dunbar.mysdhc.org](http://dunbar.mysdhc.org)

**Hyde Park**  
United Methodist



**Dunbar**  
Elementary Magnet



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## **Mission Description:**

- **Partnership with local school.**

Hyde Park United Methodist is Making God's Love Real by supporting and enhancing opportunities for students at Dunbar Elementary Medical Magnet School. As part of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, every church in this district has been invited to partner with a local Title I school to provide support and encouragement to students and staff. This initiative follows the example of John Wesley who believed that every child matters.

## **What you can do:**

- Serve directly with students as a tutor, mentor or breakfast or lunch "buddy", or serve as a classroom aide or tutor.
- Serve by assisting teachers with bulletin boards, organizing files or copying materials.
- Help with special projects such as concerts or the school garden.
- Help with special events such as Family Night Dinner, Santa Shop, Book Drive, Teacher Appreciation or monthly Student Awards.

All volunteers must pass a Hillsborough County School System background check. See [community.sdhc.k12.fl.us/wps/portal/community/sdhc.home/sdhc.volunteer/sdhc.applyvolunteer/#/Volunteer](http://community.sdhc.k12.fl.us/wps/portal/community/sdhc.home/sdhc.volunteer/sdhc.applyvolunteer/#/Volunteer).

All volunteers must also pass a Hyde Park United Methodist background check and complete child protection training.

## **Prayer Need:**

- For the health and safety of all students and staff.
- For us to help the students and staff of Dunbar create an environment in which the students are eager to learn and the staff is happy to serve.
- That families would feel supported.
- That we can share the love of God through our actions.



## Homeless/Poverty Assistance - Organizations

# ECHO

Emergency Care Help Organization  
507 N Parsons Ave.  
Brandon, FL 335108  
[echofl.org](http://echofl.org)



ECHO Riverview  
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### Mission Description:

- **Emergency care organization.**

ECHO bridges the gap between crisis and stability. Our two resource centers include one-on-one job coaching, strong collaborations with local employers, mobile back to work teams, in house internships, financial assistance, and a variety of workshops. In an effort to meet immediate, critical needs, our resource centers also contain fully stocked fresh food markets, clothing rooms, and full time social workers.

### What you can do:

- **Beans and Rice Bagging:** Small groups purchase 300–400 pounds of beans and/or rice. The large quantities are broken down into 2–3 cup servings. The bagging activity can take place at ECHO or where the group meets. ECHO will supply all bags, ties, and labels. A lead volunteer simply needs to drop it off and it will hit the shelves within the same week!
- **Serve Days:** From painting, organization, and cleaning to stocking the food pantry shelves or serving in the Community Garden, individuals or groups are always welcome.

### Prayer Need:

- Our staff would remain united and passionate about serving our neighbors.
- That we would continue to trust God for big things and follow him courageously.
- That God would continue to provide abundantly and that we would leverage all support to help those who need it most.
- Pray for courage and innovation. We are currently serving more homeless neighbors than ever before. Pray that we would have the wisdom to know how to serve best.
- Pray that we would find additional avenues of support for our ever increasing community of seniors in crisis.

# El Ayudante

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eanicaragua.com



El Ayudante  
NICARAGUA

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## Mission Description:

- **Partnering with the Nicaraguan people to transform the nation: 1 Child, 1 Family, 1 Community at a time. Helping dreams come true!**

El Ayudante translates from Spanish to mean “The Helper.” We believe in partnering with families to help bring about transformation. We have pursued God’s mission for El Ayudante using a two–pronged strategy focusing on our children & families via the HCN and our communities via mission trips.

Our Mission in León, Nicaragua, is focused on caring for our children and partnering with their families and community leaders to address basic needs and provide education opportunities to break the cycle of generational poverty. We partner with students and families to provide housing, educational, spiritual, emotional, and behavioral support programs along with nutritious meals and medical care. To facilitate learning, we have our own Psychologist & 4 teachers.

## What you can do:

- Bring a mission team to partner with us in Nicaragua, or join us on a virtual mission trip – contact us for information.
- Sponsor a child or teacher to help break the cycle of generational poverty – eanicaragua.com/sponsor/. Sponsorships begin at \$35/month. The graduation rate in Nicaragua is 30% while El Ayudante is 75%, and we have 13 first generation High School Graduates.

## Prayer Needs:

- New sponsors for our children so their dreams can come true!
- More Mission Teams! They are the life blood of our ministry, and are the life blood of our ministry. Teams bring joy and hope to ur staff, children, families and the communities where they live.
- Health and safety of our staff, children, their families and the communities we serve.

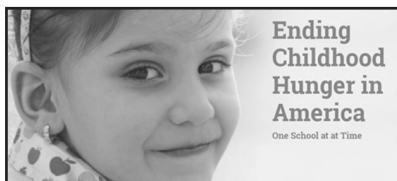
# End 68 Hours of Hunger

1309 W Swann Ave.

Tampa, FL 33606

Mail donations to: PO Box 10424 Tampa, FL 33679

[end68hoursofhunger.org](http://end68hoursofhunger.org)



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## Mission Description:

### • Food for Families

End 68 Hours of Hunger Tampa confronts the approximate 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning. This effort is entirely volunteer-based with 100% of donations going to support food insecurity in Tampa neighborhoods.

## What you can do:

- Donate to the Food Drive at Hyde Park in the fall.
- Sign up to volunteer at End 68's Food Pantry located at 1309 W Swann Ave, Tampa by sending an email with interest to Gail White at [agwhite@verizon.net](mailto:agwhite@verizon.net). Various Volunteer positions available and include: Food Pantry packing team member, Food delivery team member, satellite pantry coordinator.
- Donate reusable bags. Contact Gail White at [agwhite@verizon.net](mailto:agwhite@verizon.net) to coordinate.

## Prayer Needs:

- God's help to provide relief and support to the children in Hillsborough County now facing food insecurity.
- Keep our food pantry stocked as more families come to us for help.
- Keep volunteer drivers safe.

# Feeding Tampa Bay

3624 Causeway Blvd

Tampa, FL 33619.

[feedingtampabay.org](http://feedingtampabay.org)



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## **Mission Description:**

- **Hunger relief**

Feeding Tampa Bay changes lives one meal at a time by leading our community in the fight against hunger. As the local affiliate of the nation's leading hunger relief organization, Feeding America, Feeding Tampa Bay distributed over 95 million meals last year to families, children and seniors in the 10 counties in the Tampa Bay area.

## **What you can do:**

- **Warehouse:** Inspect, sort and organize goods for distribution.
- **Build a Box:** Build boxes of assorted groceries for walk-up clients.
- **Mobile Pantry:** Pack boxes of food and distribute to our hungry neighbors.
- **Muscle and Tetris:** Weigh and load boxes of groceries into agency partner vehicles.
- **Become a "Forklifter"** and make monthly donations to Feeding Tampa Bay.

Visit the website to sign-up, [feedingtampabay/forklifters.org](http://feedingtampabay/forklifters.org).

For information about times and all volunteer opportunities, email:  
[volunteer@feedingtampabay.org](mailto:volunteer@feedingtampabay.org).

**Age Requirement:** Recommended age for most activities is 5 years old (with supervision) but there are exceptions.

For age requirements, contact [volunteer@feedingtampabay.org](mailto:volunteer@feedingtampabay.org).

## **Prayer Need:**

- God's help to provide relief and support to the 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 4 children in Hillsborough County now facing food insecurity.
- Keep our warehouse stocked as more families come to us for help.

## Gifts For Good

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
[hydeparkumc.org](http://hydeparkumc.org)



**For more information contact:**  
[Missions@hydeparkumc.org](mailto:Missions@hydeparkumc.org)



### **Mission Description:**

- **Gifts that impact those in need in honor of those you love.** Consider carving out a portion of your gift budget for Gifts For Good. These unique gifts serve a dual purpose:

1. When you choose to donate to missions that our church supports, you are sending love, compassion, hope and practical assistance to those hurting in our community and around the world.
2. At the same time, you are choosing a special gift for friends, family members, or colleagues. We will provide you with Gifts For Good cards for you to give as presents in honor of people on your list. Each card will describe how lives are changed through the work of the mission you supported.

Find Gifts For Good on the website: [hydeparkumc.org/give-to-missions](http://hydeparkumc.org/give-to-missions).

### **What you can do:**

- Support missions year-round by purchasing gifts honoring your loved ones for birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day or other special occasions. (See the next page for a sample of the Gifts For Good list.)

### **Prayer:**

- Loving God, open our hearts to be your agents of love in the world by awakening our generous spirits and moving us to give as Christ might give – with love, respect and selflessness.

# Gifts For Good Gift List – SAMPLE

Below is sample of the Gifts For Good Gift List. The complete gift list can be found on the church’s website at [hydeparkumc.org/GiftsForGood](http://hydeparkumc.org/GiftsForGood).

Mission	\$ Amount
<b>Abe Brown Ministries</b> – (Jail/Prison Ministry) assists offenders, ex–offenders, and their families in life skills, relationship with Christ and gainful employment to help them achieve productive and fulfilling lives.	
<b>Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary</b> – (Seminary) Europe’s largest United Methodist seminary.	
<b>Bike Repair Ministry</b> – (Hands on Work) – provides bike repair for Open Arms guests.	
<b>Cornerstone Family Ministries</b> – (Children/Families/Students) provides childcare and early school readiness programming to inner–city, at–risk children through the Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center and the Cornerstone Children’s Nutrition Connection.	
<b>Dunbar Elementary Medical Magnet School</b> – (Children/Families/Students) Hyde Park’s partnership with a local Title 1 school.	
<b>ECHO</b> – (Homeless/Poverty Assistance) provides job coaching, emergency food, clothing and financial assistance.	
<b>El Ayudante “The Helper”</b> – (Worldwide) provides humanitarian and spiritual aid to children and families of Nicaragua to improve quality of life and alleviate poverty through Christian spiritual nurturing, housing, medical care, nutrition and education.	
<b>Feeding Tampa Bay</b> – (Homeless/Poverty Assistance – Feeding the Hungry) distributes more than 40 million pounds of food annually to help alleviate hunger in our area through a network of 600 charities and community programs.	
<b>Florida United Methodist Children’s Home</b> – (Children/Families/Students) helps children and families facing difficult circumstances by providing resident care for school–age children and youth, emergency shelter care, therapeutic group care, foster care and adoption services, a community child care center and a transitional/independent living program.	
<b>Heifer International</b> – (Worldwide) works with communities to end hunger and poverty, to care for the earth, and promote self reliance on five continents and in 25 U.S. states by providing livestock, training, and direction for sharing offspring with others in need.	
<b>Hillsborough House of Hope</b> – (Jail/Prison Ministry) offers formerly incarcerated women the opportunity to successfully re–enter the community through individually tailored Christian counseling, job search assistance, life skills instruction and self esteem counseling.	
<b>Judeo Christian Health Clinic</b> – (Health) administers free health care to the “working poor” and medically indigent people of Tampa Bay, often providing the only opportunity for medical treatment.	
<b>Little Dresses for Missions</b> – (Hands On Work) Volunteers sew dresses and shorts for global mission partners.	
<b>Love INC</b> – (Homeless/Poverty Assistance) mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.	

**More missions can be found on the online and paper forms.**

# Heifer International

1 World Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72202  
[heifer.org](http://heifer.org)



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## Mission Description:

- **Self-reliance through sustainable living.**

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. Since 1944, Heifer International has worked with nearly 43 million people around the world to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way. Heifer International supports farmers and local food producers to strengthen local economies and build secure livelihoods that provide a living income. Heifer is currently operating in 19 countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas.

## What you can do:

- Introduce Heifer to your church group using free educational resources: [heifer.org/faith](http://heifer.org/faith).
- Introduce Heifer to a local school using free educational resources: [heifer.org/school](http://heifer.org/school).
- Create your own unique fundraiser using Fundraise for Heifer, Heifer's online fundraising tool: [heifer.org/fundraise](http://heifer.org/fundraise).
- Give alternative gifts for all holidays, including birthdays and Easter: [heifer.org/give](http://heifer.org/give).

## Prayer Need:

- Please pray for the mothers and fathers in the world who struggle to feed and provide for their families.
- Pray that God may turn our hearts towards generosity and compassion for our neighbors in need, nearby and worldwide.

# Hillsborough House of Hope

212 and 213 W. Curtis St.

Tampa, FL 33603

[HHHopefl.org](http://HHHopefl.org)



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## Mission Description:

- **Residential program for women.**

Hillsborough House of Hope provides a temporary residence for women who have been incarcerated in the Hillsborough County Jail. Founded by Hyde Park member, Margaret Palmer in 1998, the home provides a safe and supportive environment for women while they locate a permanent residence and get a job. Hillsborough House of Hope's most recent initiative is another home for mothers working toward reunification with their children called Walker Landing.

## What you can do:

- Parenting instructor.
- Serve on the Board of Directors.
- Mentor.
- Assist with marketing.
- Grant writing.
- Consider assisting financially.

## Age Requirements

Ages 18 and over.

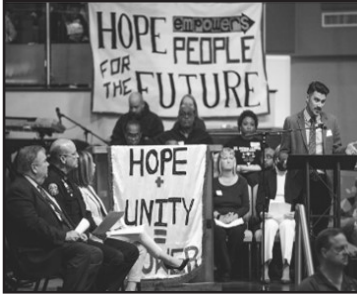
## Prayer Need:

- Pray for continued success; for us to continue to touch, and through God's direction, save lives through this ministry.
- Pray for permanent housing for graduates. After six months in transitional housing, graduates will need permanent housing.



# Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE)

Hillsboroughhope.org



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## Mission Description:

- **Promote justice, fairness, and the dignity of people.**

Hyde Park United Methodist and The Portico are one of 23+ interfaith member congregations who belong to Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE), a non-partisan community organization founded in 1988. Their mission: to promote justice, fairness, and the dignity of people by engaging and training people to responsibly and successfully act together to hold officials accountable to improve the systems affecting the quality of life in our communities.

## What you can do:

- Become a HOPE Network Member.
- Join a HOPE Issue Committee.
- Attend: (1) Listening sessions, (2) the HOPE Convention to learn about issues, (3) the HOPE Rally, (4) the Nehemiah Action meeting. Becoming a HOPE Network Member and attending the Nehemiah Action meeting enhances the ability of HOPE to convince local government leaders and decision makers to improve criminal justice reform, fund mental health, addiction services and implement the construction of housing units for people who are homeless or with very low incomes.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for a sense of community together as we choose issues.
- Pray for clarity and endurance as we move forward for a better county.

# Judeo Christian Health Clinic

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Tampa, FL 33607

813.870.0395

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## Mission Description:

- **Medical, Dental, Vision and Pharmaceutical care for patients in need.**

The Judeo Christian Health Clinic was founded in 1972 to provide free, quality, timely and compassionate healthcare to the working poor of Tampa Bay. It is one of the most comprehensive free clinics in Florida, providing primary and specialty care, dental, eye, pharmaceutical and educational services. The Clinic provides hope and access to care, with over 30,000 patient visits recorded last year, and over \$2 million dollars' worth of prescription medications dispensed to the patient, free of charge. The value of service provided to the community through volunteers and partner organizations is over \$12 million dollars last year alone.

## What you can do:

- Volunteer as a licensed medical professional (Physician, Dentist, Optometrist, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse, Pharmacist).
- Volunteer as a Medical Assistant.
- Serve as a language interpreter (Spanish/English fluency).
- Provide office help, Spanish/English fluency is helpful but not required.
- Volunteer for special events (annual fundraising dinner).

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for additional volunteers (especially healthcare professionals), increased community visibility and partnerships, as well as adequate funding to continue serving those who receive our care.
- Pray for funding for our patients.

# Kids Camp and Missions Fund

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
[hydeparkumc.org](http://hydeparkumc.org)



**For more information contact:**

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## **Mission Description:**

- **Providing young people the experience of a church–related retreat.**

The Kids Camp and Missions Fund sends young people with financial needs to church camp, mission trips and Vacation Bible School.

For over 30 years the Kids Camp and Mission Fund has been able to give scholarships for church camp, mission trips and/or Vacation Bible School to children and youth from:

- Our Hyde Park United Methodist congregation.
- Metropolitan Ministries
- The Florida United Methodist Children’s Home, Foster Care program

## **What you can do:**

Support this fund by giving in these ways:

- Online through the church’s website, go to: [hydeparkumc.org/kidscampgift](http://hydeparkumc.org/kidscampgift).
- An addition to your weekly or monthly offering in your church offering envelope.

## **Prayer Need:**

- That any child wanting or needing to experience a church–related camp or retreat may be able to do so.
- Pray that the experience will be life–changing as the children experience the love of God.

# Little Dresses For Missions

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
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## **Mission Description:**

- **Clothing children in love.**

Volunteers have sewn dresses and shorts for mission trips to Nicaragua, Cuba and South Africa. Clothes have also been sent to Cambodia, Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Little Dresses for Missions also provides dresses and shorts (and cupcakes, drinks and snacks) to Migrant Worker's Self Help, San Antonio, FL, Metropolitan Ministries, Immokolee Missions and San Antonio and Pasco County farm workers. Team members have taught sewing classes in Nicaragua with the Adult Mission Trip. Little Dresses for Missions has sewn nearly 5,000 dresses.

In response to the coronavirus, Little Dresses for Missions sewed over 5,000 masks for local hospitals and the children and staff of our partner school, Dunbar Elementary Medical Magnet School.

Most recently, Little Dresses for Missions sent 200 dresses to Haiti through Faith United Methodist Church, Bradenton, as a result of the hurricane and earthquake in Haiti and over 100 dresses and aprons to Uganda

## **What you can do:**

- Help sew little dresses and/or shorts. You may do so at home on your own or with the group.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Pray for those sewing and those receiving these gifts of love.
- Be open to God's call on you to start a ministry like God did through our founder and Hyde Park member, Darrell Painter, while she was watching the nightly news.

# Love INC of Metro Tampa (Love INC)

The Portico Campus  
1001 N. Florida Ave., 3rd Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602  
813 225 – LOVE (5683)

[LoveIncTampa.org](http://LoveIncTampa.org)



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**Chalette Davis**, agency liaison  
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## **Mission Description:**

### • **Homeless Prevention Services.**

Love INC mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Lives are transformed through relationships. Love INC ministry transforms lives by linking volunteer servants with neighbors in need. In this process needs are met, and joy is our shared reality.

## **What you can do:**

- Help Center volunteer, M–F, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Facilitate Redemptive Compassion Study Groups or REACH classes (curriculum training provided, Zoom classes available).
- Help with logistics, child care, incentives and meals for the REACH Program.
- Be a Resource Navigator; provide one–to–one relationship and coaching for people served in Help Center and/or participate in the REACH Program.
- Join our prayer team that meets with guests when resources from Gap Ministries are provided. Love on guests, pray for them, represent your church, Love INC and the Body of Christ.
- Special events and work projects.
- Donate needed items.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Guidance and volunteers as we implement the transformational programs (REACH).
- For God’s grace as we respond to the needs of our neighbors and community with a love and acceptance.
- That Tampa becomes a community that embraces our diversity and demonstrates God’s love for all as One Body of Christ.
- For God’s provision to sustain us and prosper our mission by continuing to bring more churches, donors and volunteers to our work.

# Manna Ministry

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
[hydeparkumc.org](http://hydeparkumc.org)



## The Manna Ministry



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### Mission Description:

- **Supplies, snacks and Scripture.**

Manna Ministry helps our church accomplish its mission of Making God's Love Real in the community by providing a Zip-Lock bag filled with a Scripture, information on community resources, healthy snacks, and a pair of socks. We hope to help impoverished individuals feel the love of Christ one bag at a time. Manna bags are assembled and distributed once a month.

This ministry is now a mission project of our Merge Youth Ministry. They write personalized care notes for each bag, assemble the bags and sell them each month.

### What you can do:

- Purchase a Manna Bag for \$5. Your donation helps us purchase supplies for next month's distribution.

### Prayer Need:

- Pray for the homeless in our community and the world.
- Pray for the people to remember the words of Jesus, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

# Meals On Wheels of Tampa

5320 North Boulevard  
Tampa FL 33603  
[mowtampa.org](http://mowtampa.org)



## For more information contact:

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[a.jacobson@mowtampa.org](mailto:a.jacobson@mowtampa.org)

## Mission Description:

- **Nourishment for body and soul.**

Since 1975, Meals On Wheels of Tampa (MOW) has been committed to nourishing and enriching the independent lives of Tampa's senior and homebound neighbors by providing hot, nutritious meals delivered daily by a caring volunteer. MOW Tampa relies on community volunteers to deliver meals, provide friendly visits and safety checks Monday through Friday around lunchtime and one Saturday a month. Today, over 1,000 neighbors are being served.

## What you can do:

- Deliver meals during the week.
- Deliver fresh produce one Saturday a month.
- Attend a Nourish at Noon Luncheon.  
(please RSVP at [mowtampa.org/nourish-at-noon/](http://mowtampa.org/nourish-at-noon/))
- Follow, like and share us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn  
[@mealsonwheelsoftampa](https://www.instagram.com/mealsonwheelsoftampa).

Please visit [MOWTampa.org/volunteer](http://MOWTampa.org/volunteer) to get started.

## Prayer Need:

- Please pray for safety, peace and comfort for Tampa's homebound neighbors. We also request prayers for all the individuals who give their compassion and energy to serve these deserving citizens. May they be blessed with the knowledge their care is changing the lives of those who depend on this community for food and friendship.

# Methodists United in Prayer (Cuba)

Florida Conference United Methodist Church  
450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.  
Lakeland, FL 33815-1522

[flumc2.org/Ministries/Mission&Justice](http://flumc2.org/Ministries/Mission&Justice)



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## **Mission Description:**

- **Building church/family relationships.**

Methodists United in Prayer was created in 1997 through a partnership between Cuba and Florida Methodist bishops to promote a renewed church/family relationship between Florida United Methodist churches and their sister churches in Cuba.

Hyde Park United Methodist has partnership projects serving hundreds of Cuban Methodist Christians:

- Three Sister Churches in Guanito, Piloncito and Bayamo.
- Two District Seminary Partnerships in Sierra Maestra and Santiago Districts.
- Five Pastoral Salary Supplements for Pastors without U.S. Sister Churches (Adopt-A-Pastor Program).
- Sierra Maestra District Conference (financial support for transportation and food).

## **What you can do:**

- Participate in a mission trip to visit our sister churches.
- Visit and provide hospitality with District Superintendents while visiting the United States.
- Adopt a Cuban Pastoral Family with your small group. (Adopt-A-Pastor Program)
- Pray for the church and its members in Guanito, Piloncito and Bayamo, Cuba.
- Donate Christian literature, audio and technical equipment, Bibles in Spanish.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Financial support for construction and administrative costs for sister churches, scholarships for pastors to attend seminary and educational equipment.
- Pray for the people of Cuba who all lost power during Hurricane Ian.



# Metropolitan Ministries

2002 N. Florida Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33602  
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## Mission Description:

- **Breaking the cycle of poverty.**

Metropolitan Ministries cares for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in our community through services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill self-sufficiency as an expression of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.

## What you can do:

- Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and families. Please see [metromin.org/volunteer](http://metromin.org/volunteer) to learn more.
- Host a Drive – Hosting a drive for food, diapers or other life essentials can make a big impact for families in need. And it's a great way to build community through the shared joy of giving.
- Volunteer at the holiday tent.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for wisdom as we seek to serve and transform families in despair while navigating through cultural and economic trials and temptations.
- Pray that we are able to meet the growing needs of so many families who are seeking help, faith, hope and solutions in their time of crisis.
- Pray for families who are experiencing trauma. May we become a source of strength and support for them.

# Mission Smiles

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Tampa, FL 33614  
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program director  
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## Mission Description:

- **Dental service outreach.**

The mission of Mission Smiles is to help provide emergency dental services and spiritual care to the poor of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. The heart of this ministry is to see lives transformed by the power of God through the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Mission Smiles serves alongside our Open Arms ministry two times a year.

## What you can do:

- Volunteer as a licensed medical professional, Dentist, Dental Hygienist or Dental Assistant to serve at twice-yearly dental clinics at Hyde Park United Methodist and/or monthly clinics throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
- RNs needed for blood pressure and brief medical history.
- Provide spiritual support and assist clients with sign up; assist with clinic flow.

## Prayer Need:

- The need for emergency dental care is great. Pray God goes before us and leads us to help his people.
- That this ministry always glorifies God and brings others to him.
- To continue to raise up volunteers who have a heart for serving those in need.

## Mission Trips

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
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### For more information contact:

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**813.253.5388 ext. 1247**  
[haspinwall@hydeparkumc.org](mailto:haspinwall@hydeparkumc.org)

### Mission Description:

- **Mission trip.**

Mission trips foster relationships through serving together in construction, education and worship with our mission partners. Preparation is required which includes spiritual formation, cultural diversity training and team building. Mission Trips in the past have included Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, South Africa and hurricane recovery trips in Florida.

### What you can do:

- Serve with a mission team.
- Help the mission team prepare for the trip.

### Prayer Need:

- Pray for discernment for Hyde Park United Methodist and future mission team members considering God's call to serve.

# One Blood

10100 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716  
[oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)



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**Mission Description:**

- **Blood bank donors.**

One Sunday every other month, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., members of our congregation roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life by donating blood to the Blood Bank. To avoid waiting, contact Tracey Arehart for a courtesy appointment or sign up online.

Donations made at other sites may also be credited to our church. When you give blood, tell them you are a member of this congregation.

**What you can do:**

- Become a site recruiter for blood drives.
- Create art for posters.
- Photograph events.
- Write for local fliers.
- Be a blood donor.

**Requirements for Blood Donors:**

Ages 17 and older, 110 lbs.

Hyde Park has hosted hosted 129 blood drives since Jan. 2003. Over the last 11 years, collections at Hyde Park had the potential to save 7,269 lives.

**Prayer Need:**

- Pray for donors to come out to donate one pint of blood and save three lives.
- Pray for the lives we save.

*With each donation three lives are saved and every two seconds someone is given a blood transfusion.*

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

# Open Arms Ministry

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt St.  
Tampa, FL 33606  
[hydeparkumc.org/serve](http://hydeparkumc.org/serve)



**Open Arms**  
a ministry of  
Hyde Park United Methodist



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**Sign Up To Serve With Open Arms**  
[hydeparkumc.org/serve](http://hydeparkumc.org/serve)

## **Mission Description:**

- **Helping hand for the homeless.**

Every Sunday morning Hyde Park United Methodist's Open Arms Ministry builds relationships by providing a nourishing meal to homeless and low-income individuals and an invitation to attend Sunday School and worship with the congregation. Bike repairs are also available each week.

## **What you can do:**

- Pick up food and bread, prepare and serve food, clean-up activities (weekly). To schedule a time to volunteer go to [hydeparkumc.org/serve](http://hydeparkumc.org/serve).
- Serve with Mission Smiles dental clinics (semi-annually).
- Join the Bible study with guests after the Sunday meal (weekly).

## **Age Requirements**

Adults and families.

## **Prayer Need:**

- That meaningful relationships would be built.
- For volunteers to continue treating everyone with dignity and serve as serving Christ.
- For continued abundance of food each week.
- For guests to connect to needed services and support.

# Phakamisa

6–9 Church Ln.  
P. O. Box 169  
Pinetown 3600, South Africa  
[phakamisa.org](http://phakamisa.org)



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**Zethu Khuswayo**, Director  
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## Mission Description:

- **Empowering families.**

Phakamisa (pronounced pa–ga–mee–sa) is a Zulu word meaning to uplift.

Phakamisa is a ministry of Pinetown United Methodist Church near Durban, South Africa, and strives to offer a hand up to people from impoverished communities, reaching out to those whose lives have been affected by the impact of HIV/AIDS. Phakamisa provides support, training and resources for mainly elderly women who care for and support children who are orphaned and vulnerable through HIV/AIDS. These grandmas are affectionately called Gogos. The unofficial AIDS infection rate for many of the communities in the state of KwaZulu–Natal in which Phakamisa works is one in two people.

## What you can do:

- Consider making a donation to the Phakamisa ministry.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for the Phakamisa ministry to continue to be a shining example of how ordinary people are Making God’s Love Real against a seemingly overwhelming environment.
- Pray for families whose homes have no running water, sewage or electricity.
- Pray for employment opportunities for our families.

# Portico Housing Solutions

1001 N. Florida Ave.

Tampa, FL 33609

[porticohousingolutions.org](http://porticohousingolutions.org)



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board member

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## Mission Description:

- **Housing for working men experiencing homelessness.**

Since 2016, Portico Housing Solutions (PHS) has positively impacted the Tampa community by bridging single men from homelessness to transformation.

The twelve-month program offers the opportunity to move from the street to permanent housing to employed, single men experiencing homelessness. PHS offers love with accountability – dignified, safe, affordable bridge housing to enable tenants to transform their lives to self-sufficiency.

## What you can do:

- Serve on the Board of Directors.
- Assist with operation of the program.
- Volunteer as coaches for the men.
- Provide financial support.

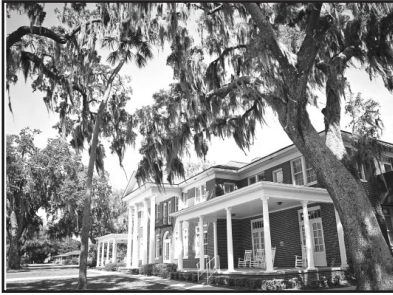
## Prayer Need:

- For the program to faithfully serve the men.
- For the men to dedicate themselves to working hard toward self-sufficiency.

# Residing Hope

(Formerly known as Florida United Methodist Children's Home)

51 Children's Way  
Enterprise, FL 32725  
[fumch.org](http://fumch.org)



## For more information contact:

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## Mission Description:

- **Refuge for abused and neglected children.**

Residing Hope, formerly known as the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, serves children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned, all of whom have experienced varying levels of trauma. We have been serving these children and families since 1908. We annually serve hundreds of children and their families through your ongoing support.

Our mission statement is "Empower children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services." The love and grace of Jesus Christ is the foundation of all we do.

## What you can do:

- Volunteer with a work group (contact Lynn Bellomy at 386.668.4774 ext. 2321, or [Lynn.Bellomy@residinghope.org](mailto:Lynn.Bellomy@residinghope.org).)
- Visit the campus for a tour (or contact Brian Carr at 386.668.4774 ext. 2222 or [Brian.Carr@residinghope.org](mailto:Brian.Carr@residinghope.org).)
- Provide items from our wish list found on our website: [residinghope.org](http://residinghope.org).
- Donate financially on our historic Fifth Sunday on the month offerings..

## Prayer Need:

- Commit to making Residing Hope the greatest outpouring of Christ's love on his children through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
- Pray we can work to give our children hope and a future.
- Pray to undergird and strengthen our staff as they pour themselves out for God's children.



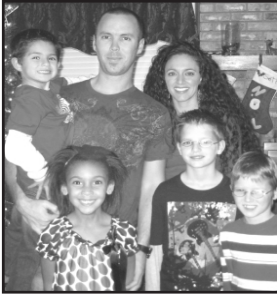
# Residing Hope Foster Care

(Formerly known as Florida United Methodist Children's Home)

202 W. Reynolds St.

Plant City, FL 33563

[fumch.org](http://fumch.org)



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## **Mission Description:**

- **Foster care for abused, neglected and troubled children.**

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home foster care department is serving in various locations across Florida, including Hillsborough County. This department recruits and licenses prospective foster parents to meet the needs of children and families in crisis.

## **What you can do:**

- Explore becoming a foster parent through Florida United Methodist Children's Home.
- Provide items needed by foster families (diapers, baby items, children's clothes, new toys, etc.).
- Intentionally include foster families in the life of your congregation.
- Open your church to host foster parent gatherings and/or presentations for prospective foster parents.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Please keep the children and families in prayer.
- Please pray for the children's health and safety.
- Please pray the children know they are deeply loved by God.

# Rose Whiteside Mission Trip Fund

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Tampa, FL 33606  
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## **Mission Description:**

- **Mission trip scholarship fund.**

Rose Whiteside was a faithful member of Hyde Park United Methodist who lived her life in service to others. Trained as a nurse, she served through the Peace Corps and volunteered in local and international missions. She saw all people as children of God and was an inspiration in life, and now beyond, through this fund which was named in her honor.

The purpose of the Rose Whiteside Mission Trip Scholarship Fund is to encourage people in the Hyde Park United Methodist congregation to step out of their comfort zone and into another world, whether it be in the U.S. or internationally. People who go on mission trips never again see the world in the same light, which is why Rose felt that the experience was not only enriching to those served, but life-changing for the servant. She was a great encourager, and her faithful example lives on through this fund.

For guidelines regarding the Fund, contact Heidi Aspinwall, 813.253.5388.

Are YOU willing to step out? Rose might say to you, "It will change your life!"

## **What you can do:**

- Donate to the fund so that others may serve.
- Request funding if you need it.
- Serve on the Scholarship Review Team.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Pray that God would continue to provide the financial resources that all who feel called to go can go without financial limitations.

# Salvation Army

Red Shield Lodge (shelter) & Administrative Office  
1603 N. Florida Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33602  
[salvationarmyflorida.org/tampa](http://salvationarmyflorida.org/tampa)



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## Mission Description:

- **Shelter and support.**

The Salvation Army of Tampa Area Command has been meeting the needs of the homeless and hungry for over 100 years offering a range of social services and support to those in need, regardless of race, religion or background. Its work includes homelessness services, addiction recovery programs, youth and family services, and emergency aid.

- **Disaster Services:**

The Salvation Army's Florida Emergency Disaster Services (EDS), in Tampa, manages the response to large scale and local/statewide disasters. Duties include the disbursement of food, water and other mass care supplies, and soliciting for/management of volunteers following a disaster occurrence. The Salvation Army provides mobile feeding units and disaster response teams across Florida when disaster strikes

## What you can do:

- Help serve meals in the kitchen or join the cleaning crew to help keep the shelter clean.
- Provide hygiene products (soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc)
- Join the Red Kettle Christmas Campaign and Ring the Bell (age 16 and over; children accompanied by parent) or participate in the Angel Tree Program (prepare gifts for underserved children.)
- For additional opportunities contact Daniel Navarro, Volunteer Coordinator, [Daniel.Navarro@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Daniel.Navarro@uss.salvationarmy.org), 813.226.0914

## Prayer Need:

- To continue preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in his name without discrimination.
- To serve people who are hungry and without homes with dignity and grace.
- That we continue to respond to the needs of our community due to disasters.

# Serve Day

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Tampa, FL 33606  
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**Nathan Gula**, agency liaison  
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### Mission Description:

- **Service project.**

This annual event is an opportunity for us to put our faith into action where the body of Christ fulfills all tasks of the holiday tent for the day.

### What you can do:

- Serve in hospitality, check-in, receiving donations, sorting donations, packing bags of food, praying with clients, providing language translation and performing music. Individuals and families with children (age 8 and older) can participate in Serve Day.

### Prayer Need:

- Pray for the families we are serving, Metropolitan Ministries and those who are participating in Serve Day, that we may be Christ and see Christ in all we serve.
- Pray for families who used to donate to Metropolitan Ministries and now need to come for help.

# Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary

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**SETH MOKITIMI METHODIST SEMINARY**



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## **Mission Description:**

- **Ministry in South Africa.**

Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, located in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu–Natal, opened its doors in January 2009 to provide quality theological education and spiritual formation for aspirant ministers as part of their journey to ordination. There are currently 112 full–time students and 500 others studying through distance learning programs.

Former Hyde Park United Methodist Interim Pastor, Roger Scholtz, is a professor here. Doug and Cheri Roland, members of Hyde Park United Methodist, served for 3 years and set up their field education program.

## **What you can do:**

- Become a pen pal to staff and seminarians.

## **Prayer Need:**

- Pray for Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary, its staff, seminarians and graduates; for them to have the courage necessary to deal with day–to–day challenges relating to academic life, spirituality and community living.
- Pray that we will form transformational leaders for church and nation.

# Shining the Light Ministries

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## Mission Description:

- **Self-reliance through sustainable living.**

Shining the Light Ministries (STL) works with communities outside Leon, Nicaragua, to develop self-sustainability in agriculture and domestic businesses by providing field training, agronomy and veterinary support, and project management. Today there are over 150 gardens in 11 rural communities at various stages of sustainability. Poultry farms provide meat and egg production and a sewing ministry works with five church communities.

Mission teams from Hyde Park United Methodist have partnered with STL, leveraging the skills of the local partners to address the extraordinary day-to-day needs in these communities caused by the unrest in the country. Hyde Park's mission teams have provided help with construction, garden projects and medical care. Through the support that STL has provided, these communities are better equipped to face their challenges.

## What you can do:

- Consider joining a small vision trip to see the mission and the communities and future communities firsthand.
- Volunteer to lead the gardening component of a community you or the church supports. You will work directly with STL to ensure the gardening plan's goals are achieved.

## Prayer Need:

- A peaceful resolution to the social and political problems in Nicaragua.
- Financial support to help continue to grow the breadth of STL's programs and to address and help address the unique needs caused by the current unrest.
- Pray for our ministry in Nicaragua as they bear the burden of increased governmental oversight.

# Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network

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## Mission Description:

- **Salvaging fresh produce to feed the hungry.**

The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.

The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers to glean or salvage fresh produce from farms, groves, backyards and packing houses, and distributes to agencies that feed the hungry. We provide access to fresh produce to people in need. In addition, SoSA coordinates food distributions in all areas of Florida. Distribution events are scheduled throughout the week and Saturdays.

## What you can do:

- Glean fields, groves, orchards and residential trees.
- Deliver produce.
- Pray for SoSA staff, volunteers and farmers.
- Participate in a direct distribution event.

## Age Requirements:

Adults and children with adult supervision.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for Society of St. Andrew— staff and volunteers and all who support us.
- Pray for our nation's hungry.
- Pray for continued financial support.
- Pray for growers who permit us to glean at their farms/homes.

# Sparrow Fund

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## Mission Description:

- **Meeting emergency needs of individuals and families.**

The Sparrow Fund is a discretionary fund established by Hyde Park United Methodist to meet emergency needs of individuals and families. The name of the Sparrow Fund comes from Matthew 10:29–31, which reminds us that God cares for all of us, even the smallest sparrow.

The fund receives all offerings from our Christmas Eve services plus special contributions from church members and friends throughout the year. This fund is administered through the Outreach Department of our church and Outreach and Prevention Services at Metropolitan Ministries.

## What you can do:

- Assist at the Outreach Department at Metropolitan Ministries to assess needs and provide assistance.
- Consider making financial gift to support this fund.

## Prayer Need:

- Pray that this financial assistance will also be a gift of hope.
- Pray for the counselors who meet with struggling families.
- Pray for people who have no safety net and are scared, hungry, homeless and hurting.
- Pray that together we can provide immediate help and set people up for future success.



## The Portico Missions

The Portico is the downtown campus of  
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### Mission Description:

- **Conversation, Connection, Community Change.**

The Portico's missions and programs help our city build strong personal and spiritual relationships through group events, social justice experiences and community service. Our missions engage people in important conversation, spiritual practices, and service that make a difference. We produce educational experiences and serve in ways that address equality, housing insecurity, and economic challenge.

### What you can do:

- Serve with **The Portico Cafe**: a social enterprise that offers people transitioning from homelessness, addiction, and incarceration job training, employment ladders, and safe affordable housing. Support by buying coffee, serving as a barista or on a team. Contact cafe manager, Mindi Vaughan, [mindi@theportico.org](mailto:mindi@theportico.org).
- Serve with **The Justice Team**: Serve with others on justice advocacy and awareness events, become a HOPE Network member or with justice partners. Contact Thad Bereday, [gr8ful2gd@gmail.com](mailto:gr8ful2gd@gmail.com).

# United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

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## Mission Description:

- **Disaster response.**

Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing. UMCOR responds in natural or human-made disasters with hearts open to all people. UMCOR is a good steward of its gifts and grants. Every dollar contributed to an UMCOR Advance special project goes to that program.

Many UMCOR projects start with something small, like a seed, a school kit, a bed net or a flood bucket. But these seemingly small items lead into something much bigger: shelter, food, improved health and transformed communities.

UMCOR will provide tangible support to Floridians recovering from Hurricane Ian.

## What you can do:

- Donate funds.
- Restock relief supply kits: [umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies).

## Prayer Need:

- Pray both for people affected by disasters and those who go to serve them.
- Pray for the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need.
- Pray for hope and healing for impacted communities.

# United Methodist Volunteers In Mission

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## Mission Description:

- **Global service.**

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) exists to promote, encourage and enable Christians to exemplify “Christian Love in Action” through short-term mission service in the U.S. and abroad. Mission Team training is available. Learn your role, as a team leader or team member. Learn how to prepare for your mission experience. Learn about the impact you have on communities you serve, stay informed, and learn about scholarships, resources and more.

## What you can do:

- Learn more about UMVIM in the Florida Conference, travel insurance and how to register your team by visiting [flumc-missions.org](http://flumc-missions.org).
- Serve on a team as an individual or with a team in the Southeast. For more information, visit [umvim.org](http://umvim.org).
- Receive online email updates by sending an email to [mmcentire@flumc.org](mailto:mmcentire@flumc.org) or [sejinfo@umvim.org](mailto:sejinfo@umvim.org).
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Prayer Need:

- Continued support by giving to the UMVIM Conference Advance Special #100180.
- Building relationships that lead to life transformation.
- Safety for our teams as they start to travel again.

# Upper Room

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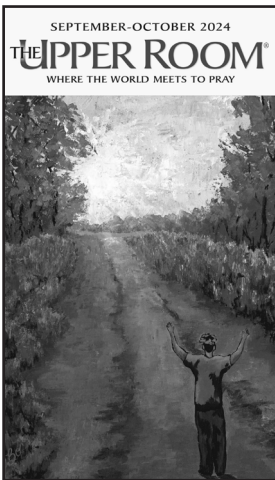
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### Mission Description:

- **Daily devotional.**

For over 80 years, *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide has encouraged people to share their stories of faith.

Today, *The Upper Room* is distributed in over 100 countries and is translated into more than 30 languages. We support *The Upper Room* in Africa ([aurm.co.za](http://aurm.co.za)), Bulgaria ([methodist.bg](http://methodist.bg)), and Cuba.

### What you can do:

- Write a devotional for *The Upper Room*. Writing guidelines are found in the devotional guide and at [devotional.upperroom.org](http://devotional.upperroom.org).
- Share a copy of *The Upper Room* with a friend or neighbor. To order, phone 1.800.972.0433.
- Pray for us and with us. Request prayer and post to our online Prayer Wall at [upperroom.org/prayer](http://upperroom.org/prayer).

### Prayer Need:

- For the publishing volunteers throughout the world who translate, print and distribute the daily devotional guide.
- For people to grow in their faith through reading *The Upper Room* and through our retreats and classes.

# Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

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## Mission Description:

- **Support for college students.**

Methodism began as a movement by college students in the “Holy Club” of John Wesley at Oxford University. Today, Wesley Foundations often stand as lone outposts in the ministry to young adults on campus.

## What you can do:

- Contact the campus representative for service opportunities.
- Visit FAMUWesley.org to see needed items for their new space.

## Prayer Need:

- All Wesley Foundations need your prayers during this transition time in our denomination. Funding changes are coming when churches leave.
- Incoming students each semester to experience and learn about God’s love in an authentic Christian community.
- Spiritual and physical well-being for pastors and students, and God’s help for their families.
- Student leadership to balance school and ministry.
- These future leaders of the United Methodist Church to learn to follow the Holy Spirit.
- Praise for FAMU’s new space, affectionately known as the IMPACT House, now open for students.

# Wycliffe Partners in Bible Translation

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**Dave and Julie Eberhard**

Birthdays:

**Dave:** Dec. 22

**Julie:** Jan. 26

## Mission Description:

- **Scripture translation and access.**

Wycliffe is an interdenominational mission agency dedicated to translating the Scriptures into every language that still needs it and to promoting vernacular literacy in these languages as well.

Dave and Julie Eberhard are currently serving as the General Editor of the Ethnologue, the world's largest database of languages and a ministry resource for Wycliffe translators, as well as for other missions, universities and government agencies. Dave also serves as an international sociolinguistics consultant for Wycliffe.

## What you can do:

- Pray for Dave and Julie and their ministry.
- Subscribe to their email newsletter by emailing [dave-julie.eberhard@sil.org](mailto:dave-julie.eberhard@sil.org) and write letters of encouragement.
- Join their ministry Facebook page: [facebook.com/groups/473137816404518](https://facebook.com/groups/473137816404518)

## Prayer Need:

- Pray for the 24 Brazilian students Dave taught in May to prepare them to become skilled sociolinguistic surveyors. Their task will be to provide on the ground data regarding the remaining Bible translation needs in Brazil.
- Pray that the updated language information that Dave and his Ethnologue team were able to gather in DRC, Chile, Philippines, and Vanuatu will be used by many agencies to reach the "least of these".
- Pray for Dave as he plans the Ethnologue language data gathering trips for 2024 – in Mozambique, Brazil, Malaysia, Guyana, and Burkina Faso.
- Pray for Dave as he heads up the Community Based Language Development global task force whose goal is to train minority language communities to make their own decisions regarding their language needs.

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## **Mission Description:**

- **Scripture translation and access.**

Wycliffe is an interdenominational mission agency dedicated to translating the Scriptures into every language that still needs it and to promoting vernacular literacy in these languages as well.

Pat Edmiston is a translation consultant and assists in Bible Translation workshops overseas. Melenda is involved with updating and reformatting all of the Alamlak literacy materials and scripture booklets.

## **What you can do:**

- Pray for Pat and Melenda and their ministry.
- Subscribe to their email newsletter by emailing [pat\\_edmiston@wycliffe.org](mailto:pat_edmiston@wycliffe.org) and write letters of encouragement.

## **Prayer Need:**

- For wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as Pat continues to check translations in various languages.
- For lives, families and communities changed because of the translated Scripture Pat is checking. Pray for dynamic church growth.
- For wisdom in scheduling international travel for consultant checks of scripture versus checking scripture remotely via Zoom.
- For God's leading regarding decisions on how to proceed with recording the Alamlak New Testament and revising Alamlak literacy materials.

# ZOE Empowers

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## Mission Description:

- **Empowers orphaned youth.**

Zoe Empowers equips orphaned children and youth–led families with the skills and training to overcome extreme poverty – for good. Through a three–year, community–based program, participants become safe and healthy, skilled for long–term success, and able to lead meaningful lives while positively impacting their local economy, assured they are not beyond the love of God.

## What you can do:

- Donate as an individual or with your Sunday school group toward a full or half group partnership.
- Sign up for a Zoe Empowers virtual trip to learn about the program and meet the kids via Zoom.
- Travel to Rwanda in 2025 to see the program in action and witness the transformation first–hand.
- Join the Zoe Empowers prayer team.

## Prayer Need:

- For the Zoe Empowers youth to stay healthy, strong, and full of wisdom during the three–year program and beyond.
- For youth to discover that God loves them and truly has a plan for their lives.
- For the social workers and staff as they work with children who have endured tremendous trauma before they enter the program.
- For Zoe Empowers to reach the thousands of waiting youth who are praying for God to bring them a future filled with hope.
- For the youth enrolled in the Zoe Empowers program to make a positive impact on their entire community by helping the elderly and other vulnerable children they come in contact with.